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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2874
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
USCINCEUR VAHINGEN (J4/J7)

C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 3991

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MAS, UV, US
SUBJ: VISIT OF MAJOR DAKOURE

REF: STATE 299718

1. MAJOR ANTOINE DAKOURE RETURNED FROM EUROPE EARLY
MORNING DECEMBER 13 AND CALLED AT EMBASSY A FEW HOURS
LATER. PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION, BESIDES AMBASSADOR
AND DCM, WERE AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH AND ARMY ATTACHE,
COL WAGONER.

2. DAKOURE SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON
AFTERNOON DECEMBER 19 AND HOPED TO RETURN TO EUROPE EVENING
DECEMBER 24. WE WARNED HIM ABOUT POSSIBLE ABSENCE OF
DOD AND DEPARTMENT CONTACTS DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON. HE
SAID THAT, IF NECESSARY, HE WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTER
THE HOLIDAY SEASON. DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, DAKOURE
WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO AIR FORCE CAPTAINS, ONE OF
WHOM WILL BE CAPTAIN DIASSO, WHO ALREADY VISITED
WASHINGTON LAST AUGUST.

3. DAKOURE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME GOING OVER SHOPPING
LIST IN FOLLOWING ORDER BUT NOT NECESSARILY PRIORITY:

(A) 50 JEEPS

(B) 150 TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORTING 15-20 TROOPS EACH.

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(C) TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ("ONE C130") FOR BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN USE.

(D) 10 HANDHELD GROUND AIR WEAPONS ("BLOWPIPE")

(E) LARGE TENTS FOR BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN USE ("HOSPITAL").

(F) PROJECTILES 105MM

(G) ANTI-TANK ROCKET LAUNCHERS

4. WE ADVISED HIM IT WAS NECESSARY TO PUT HIS REQUIREMENTS IN THE FORM OF AN OFFICIAL REQUEST, WHICH HE INDICATED HE WOULD DO. ON TWO OCCASIONS HE ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING "CREDITS". WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WERE NOT IN POSITION TO COMMENT ON FMS CREDITS. HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BRING IT UP DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.

5. WE ASKED DAKOURE ABOUT STATUS OF SMALL ARMS PURCHASES INITIATED BY AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU LAST AUGUST. DAKOURE SAID THAT, BECAUSE OF U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES TO UPPER VOLTA, THE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURCHASE HAD BEEN USED TO BUY OTHER RIFLES WHICH WERE NOT NEARLY AS EFFECTIVE AS THE M-16'S. HE ADDED THAT UPPER VOLTA WAS STILL INTERESTED IN THE M-16'S AND THAT HE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER ALSO DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
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